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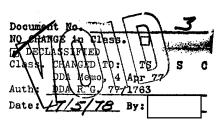
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- The Volksausschüsse (VA) in Thuringia were ordered in mid-August 1948 to 1. complete all organization work immediately. Office space, communications equipment, automobiles, and personnel were immediately made available for the State VA and the twenty-four Kreis VA in Thuringia. Each office was given "BASA" telephone equipment, providing direct contact with Berlin and all parts of the Russian Zone without recourse to the Reichspost telephone network. Teletype equipment, an exceedingly rare item, was also provided. New BMW automobiles were also furnished.
- 2. The VA are described as the future Soviets of the Russian Zone. The makeup of the central committees has not yet been definitely decided. The SIA wishes to install completely unknown men, whereas the SED wants its cadre members in power.
- 3. The VA are buzzing with activity. In Gotha, three long meetings were held in a single week.



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